

2007 CHILD CARE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

- **Senate Bill 104 (effective July 1, 2007):** This bill established separate Child Care Advisory Committees for Licensed Homes and Licensed Centers to provide the Division of Family Resources with information, advice, and assistance concerning the implementation of child care regulations. The members will be appointed by the Director and are to be a diverse group. The meetings will be held quarterly and an annual report will be submitted to the Committee on Child Care. This bill also re-established the Committee on Child Care and specified the members.
- **House Bill 1778 (effective July 1, 2007):** In April of this year House Bill 1778 was signed into law. This law concerns children in need of services to child care ministries, certain child care providers, and certain individuals who have contact with children. The law affects facility operations as follows:

For licensed child care home providers:

- Changed the definition of a child care home to exclude any child who is 14 years of age and older, that does not require child care, from being counted in the child to staff ratios or capacity.
- In the grounds for revocation and denial of a license, a determination of child abuse/neglect by a member of the applicant's household was spelled out clearly.

For unlicensed registered child care ministry providers:

- Requires the Department of Child Services and the appropriate law enforcement agency to jointly investigate a report that alleges child abuse or neglect involving a child care ministry.
- Requires unlicensed registered child care ministries refrain from employing, or allowing to serve as a volunteer, individuals who have been convicted of:
 - Certain felonies;
 - A misdemeanor related to the health or safety of a child; and/or
 - Have a substantiated allegation of child abuse or neglect with Department of Child Services